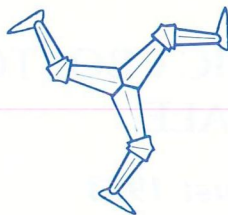


SPRINGFIELD SCENE



LANCASHIRE F.A. MANX CUP



WIGAN ATHLETIC

- v -

BOLTON WANDERERS

Tuesday, 16th August, 1983. 7.30 p.m.

Lancashire F.A. Manx Cup

FIXTURES & RESULTS TO DATE

Saturday, 13th August 1983

Group One

PRESTON NORTH END (0) 1 BURNLEY (2) 2

BLACKBURN ROVERS (2) 4 BLACKPOOL (0) 2

Group Two

WIGAN ATHLETIC (1) 1 BURY (1) 2

ROCHDALE (1) 3 BOLTON WANDERERS (1) 3

Tuesday, 16th August 1983

Group One

BURNLEY v BLACKBURN ROVERS

BLACKPOOL v PRESTON NORTH END

Group Two

WIGAN ATHLETIC v BOLTON WANDERERS

BURY v ROCHDALE

Saturday, 20th August 1983

Group One

BLACKBURN ROVERS v PRESTON N.E.

BURNLEY v BLACKPOOL

Group Two

BOLTON WANDERERS v BURY

ROCHDALE v WIGAN ATHLETIC

Tuesday, 23rd August 1983

FINAL TIE

Winners of Group One v Winners of Group Two

EDITORIAL

IT IS early in the year to be getting cup fever but with most Lancashire Clubs replacing pre-season friendlies with the Manx Cup it has proved difficult for most of them to produce the kind of care-free work-outs that are really required prior to the start of the season. At Deepdale, John Bond gave his Burnley players a real dressing down after their 2-1 victory over the home side. "That kind of performance is no use to me. It was rubbish," said an ever-talkative Bond after Burnley's early zest, which threatened to swamp a weary looking Preston, disappeared and the two goal half-time lead was cut back in the 80th minute by a Naughton goal from 25 yards. But Burnley finished up with three points, one behind their main rivals in Group One, Blackburn Rovers, who gained an extra bonus point for scoring three or more goals in their 4-2 win at Blackpool. The Seasiders looked to be gaining the upper hand in the second half, coming back from 2-0 down to 2-1 through a Heztke goal straight after half time. But Thompson got his second and Blackburn's third in the 72nd minute and three minutes later Billy Hamilton made it four. A hard working Stewart made the scoreline more respectable with a consolation goal for Blackpool nine minutes before the end.

In the Group Two match at Rochdale, Bolton's Simon Rudge scored in the Wanderers first attack after three minutes and the spectators must have thought they were in for a big defeat for the home club. But Jimmy Greenoff's men had different ideas and just before half-time O'Connor headed the equaliser. A twenty-five yard shot from Chapman put Rochdale ahead after sixty-five minutes and, with only five minutes left Thompson made it 3-1 and Bolton looked dead and buried. But a storming finish from the visitors produced goals from Caldwell and Joyce and both sides earned two points, one for the draw and one for three goals. Bury now lead the group with three points, with the Latics holding up the others with no points. Let's hope tonight's match here at Springfield Park provides Latics with their first points, but, more important at this time of the year, let's hope for a good competitive work out for both sides which gives both sets of fans something to be pleased with.

THE TEAMS

Wigan Athletic

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 Kevin Langley
- 3 Paul Comstive
- 4 Alex Cribley
- 5 Steve Walsh
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Alex Bruce
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 David Lowe
- 10 Steve Taylor
- 11 Peter Houghton
- 12 John Butler
- 13 Phil Williams
- 14 John Kilner

Bolton Wanderers

- 1 Simon Farnworth
- 2 Brian Burrows
- 3 Ray Deakin
- 4 McGovern
- 5 Gerry McEl
- 6 Peter Valentine
- 7 Jeff Chandler
- 8 Steve Saunders
- 9 Wayne Foster
- 10 Warren Joyce
- 11 Simon Rudge
- 12 Tony Caldwell
- 13 Neil Berry
- 14 John Platt
- 15 Steve Thompson
- 16 Neil Redfern

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